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#### DOGS OF WAR

TOP: "Rinty" with Private John Pickett, 2nd Btn, serving in Malaya against Communist terrorists. "Rinty" and his canine mates are the eyes and ears of patrols.

BELOW: "S t a m f o r d", black Labrador, specialising in tracking, with Diggers serving in Malaya.

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AT TATTERSALL'S CLUB Christmas party committeeman George Chiene produced an heirloom dated 1800: Badge of membership of the New Betting Room at Doncaster (England). The badge was given to George Chiene by his father and perhaps there is not in Australia an older or, in the racing realm, more historic possession.



JOHN T. JENNINGS saw the Dentists v. Dental Undergraduates cricket match through as his final social engagement before retiring to the Hydro-Majestic for a real holiday.



THIS MATCH is an annual fixture, played for the John T. Jennings Shield. Latest game was the 21st of the series. To mark the occasion, members of both elevens entertained the donor at dinner.



BEFORE the Villiers was run, many were telling Bob Carter that he owned the winner, Royal Stream. Much of it was wishful thinking. They wished to see a good sportsman land the money.



A FEW really believed that Royal Stream had the quality to win. He didn't, and Bob Carter's philosophy of hoping for the best on a race-course and being ready for the worst was again proved right.

BOB CARTER did not collect the money, but, as one who races for the sport—wagering usually £1—he reckoned he got a run for his money. Trainer, jockey and horse had done their



CHEERIO call to Syd Batley in Sydney hospital.

#### THE DUKE WELCOMED

COMMITTEEMAN Frank Carberry, himself an Australian champion swimmer in other seasons, assembled a number of locals and overseas visitors to meet Duke Kahanamoku who visited Sydney after the Olympic Games.

THE talk was of old times with special reference to the occasion when the Duke in 1914 put up a record of 53-4/5 secs. for 100 yds. in Sydney Domain baths.

OTHERS in the gathering:
George (Dad) Center, manager of many Hawaiian Olympic swimming teams; Gay Harris, former manager of the Outrigger Canoe Club, Hawaii; Dr. Keith Kirkland and Bill Longworth, former Australian Olympic swimmers; Ira Emery, manager of the South African Olympic team; Alex Bulley, manager of South African Olympic swimmers.

THIS PARALLELS the story of the Sydney horse of years ago which used to push into gardens and turn on taps with his teeth, more often than not for the fun of it.



NICK COXON, who died last month, was one of Sydney's best-known newspapermen. He followed his father into the profession and served on Sydney newspapers, in later years as executive and special writer, for 40 years continuously, saving a break for military duty in France in World War I.



AT THE END Nick Coxon was public relations officer for the Wine & Spirit Merchants Association. He made, and kept, many friends.



RANDWICK'S official stand was set deliberately at an angle to prevent onlookers picking the winner in a close finish. But some are capable of so doing nine times out of ten. They have worked out distances, as related to inside and outside horses, from taking a line from the one spot.



A MONG them Neville Bishop who picked Chieti to gain a photo-finish decision on Villiers day when many around Neville declared for Royal Kingdom.

#### EDITORIAL: Looking Forward in the New Year

WE HAVE LEFT the old year behind, rounded the turn into the new and, at this writing, are pushing on into unexplored territory beset by climbs and dips and perilous bends.

THOSE AT the wheel of our Commonwealth and State Governments, as well as all at the helm of business, will need to keep sharp look-out and corner with caution.

All's well with Australia; but all is not well with the world—and Australia is part of the world. We could be involved by a remote touching off of an explosive situation.

It could happen. Will it happen? None may fortell, for none can forsee. All of which we may be certain is that the dynamite is stacked. The spark could be started against the will — meaning the wisdom — of peace-loving countries, and despite pressures.

To be guarded against are the irresponsible, and irrepressible, elements which love nothing

more than a conflagration. So long as the bonfires they are lighting, and will continue to light, can be isolated, 1957 will be spared a repetition of the holocaust which, twice in our generation, has consumed human treasure on a scale which the world may not repeat without hastening the twilight contemplated by the poet Campbell in his poem "The Last Man".

THUS THE PROSPECTS for 1957 are conditioned by the possibilities of peace; and these will be influenced by how much tolerance and wisdom may be mobilised against the dark forces of spiritual and material enslavement.

#### Clubman's Corner

HAROLD WHITEHEAD is taking convalescence slowly. His friends had hoped to see him at the Villiers-Summer Cup and this club's Carrington-Cup meeting. He is a keen patron of racing and is eager to be on the scene again.



WHY Rakush as a name for Gordon and Jack Jones' three-year-old colt by Star Kingdom from Cordelia? They read it in a book. Rakush was the name of the charger of Shah Rusten (3000 B.C.) on which the Shah had planned his son should one day ride in battle. The father, however, destroyed that expectation by assassinating the son.

RAKUSH, the charger, won a niche in history by killing with teeth and hooves a lion approaching the regal tent as night began to fall and the sands of the desert grew cold.

BEFORE the Villiers, club members were twitting Bob Carter: "Should Royal Stream win, think of your tremendous settling!" Bob's usual investment is £1 at most. He gets out of the sport of racing many pounds worth of pleasure because he is a horse lover as well as a horse owner. The fortunes of the game he accepts philosophically.

ON VILLIERS DAY, Bill Rowlandson and Bill Askew were waiting on a third Bill to give it a name—Bill Longworth Jr.

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GERSH FIENBERG was ill at this writing. He has the good wishes for speedy recovery of every member in the club.

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LES HARRISON who has returned from a vacation at Leeton, speaks of Hospitality (with a capital H) related to the townsfolk in general. The

Diggers' Club, with Gus Bowyer in control, know how, too.

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ADOLPH BASSER may be classed a lucky owner—but who would begrudge him his good fortune? His greatest horse was, of course, Delta. Empire Link must be rated as next best on performance. If that horse succeeds as a stayer Adolph Basser's legion well-wishers will share his happiness.

TYPICAL of Adolph was that on Settling Day after the running of Tattersall's Gold Cup he invited all to join him in the bar to celebrate Empire Link's Cup win.

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TYPICAL, too, of Ken Ranger that he should do likewise to celebrate the win of his horse, Royal Feast.

#### **CLUBMAN'S** CORNER

ARTHUR OGG told of an Alsatian dog in the Vaucluse area which favors milk to such an extent that it purloins bottles, carries them of to a secluded spot, bites the tops off and, inclining the bottles, laps 'em dry.



MUCH-TRAVELLED Harry Chaplin who in his two tours overseas has motored thousands of miles, has taken out a British drivers' licence. Harry, a wellread man, has garnered sufficient information to write a travel book in the best-seller class.



AMES PLIMSOLL, who retired recently from active business life, is a direct descendant of Samuel Plimsoll, one of the personalities of history.



ARNOLD TANCRED is convalescing after illness. He was a member of the famed 1927 Waratahs (R.U.) together with Ted Thorne, elected recently to the S.T.C. committee.



STORY WAS published in a Sydney newspaper of a neat retort in a sporting way by Jack Pick. He paid out a wager to a pal who laid 3 to 1 on Seabeau in a Melbourne race. Remembering that the pal was intrepid enough in other season to concede Jack half the length of the baths in a race over the full length, the bookmaker remarked in paying over: "You had always a ton of confidence".



ACK MANDEL was reported in the Press as having said that Prince Darius, which he bred, would never pace it with

#### Happy Birthday Greetings

An old greeting, but ever new: Good health, good luck and a toast to you!

Though your days be many or, maybe, few, what else may fail you, what else you rue, count us among the tried and the true.

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Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

Bruce Kennedy

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B. J. Hatfield

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the sensational colt Todman, named after Todman Avenue, location of the home of the Wootten family (including Stanley, Todman's owner) in past vears.

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RACING MEN say, however, that if Jack Mandel can go breeding horses of the quality of Prince Darius he need not worry about the occasional colts of Todman's calibre.

# SOL GREEN'S GHOST CARRINGTON DAY MEMORY

JOHN ROLES, club treasurer, heard a member tell at the official luncheon on Carrington Stakes day of having seen the ghost of Sol Green appear from behind a big Moreton Bay figtree near the official stand and heard the ghost repeat what it had said from that spot after Sol's horse, Comedy King, had beaten John Brown's Prince Foote, dual Derby and Melbourne Cup winner: "Gentlemen, you have seen to-day the winner of the Melbourne Cup."

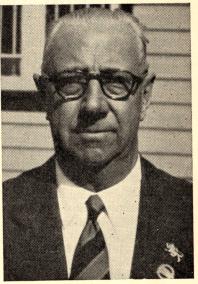
THAT WAS at the Spring meeting in 1910—46 years ago. Sol died in May, 1948.

Comedy King, as another in our group recalled, was got in England and arrived in Australia as a foal at foot with his dam, Tragedy Queen.

Comedy King did win the Cup, but only narrowly from Trafalgar (by Wallace, by Carbine), greatest stayer of his time. The disparity in weights told over the final furlong as it had done before and has done since, many times.

This narrator put in playfully: "Jack Roles would not know anything of the Sol Green episode as in 1910 Jack was only a boy in rompers."

Jack answered: "Pretty compliment—but I was fielding two years before that."



THE TREASURER

#### RACE MEETINGS TO REMEMBER

By a Club Member

AT TATTERSALL'S CLUB luncheon on Carrington Day, I had as neighbor A.J.C. handicapper Goodwin. He seemed impressed by my memory of a man who was everything in a country race club—chairman, handicapper, starter, judge.

After surveying preliminary gallops, in which he gauged the potential of horses, this man would look over the amateur riders, assessing their weights. Then he would direct each to his mount, always seeing that his own entries carried extra poundage.

If a horse ran in more than

one race—some started three times on the one day—he readjusted weights from his memory of previous performances.

This man was appointed by general approval. He argued with none, and none dared argue with him.

There were no protests. Once when he thought a rider had been crowded, he addressed the offender: "Do that again and I'll flatten you!"

A race meeting without stewards, without inquiries, without protests—just "Do it again and I'll flatten you!" Sometimes when the heat is turned on at metropolitan courses I take ghost-horse back to that gum-tree rimmed track and ride again my old grass-fed faithful, the stock horse of every day occasions.

#### IN AFTER YEARS

NONE would like past years again, Yet all hope pleasure in what yet remain;

And from the dregs of life think to receive

What the first sprightly running could not give.

-John Dryden

# Tattersall's Club Carrington Cup Meeting

#### Survey of the Social Scene

TATTERSALL'S CLUB two-days' meeting—Carrington Stakes—Tattersall's Cup principal events—was opened with the handicap of a bushfire-stoked sizzler, which caused a percentage of regular racing patrons to remain in the shade of the sheltering palms on the home front, handy to the refrigerator.

THEY WERE NOT to know that a switch in conditions would occur by noon; a real reversal of form on the part of the weather god.

An A.J.C. meeting was sandwiched between Villiers and Cup days. No objection to that happening. Racing's controlling body was taking advantage of a holiday for many, and rightly. The thought occurred: How would attendances be affected? Figures were satisfactory all round, in the circumstances, and the respective administrations were happy.

BILL BROOKS had with him on Carrington Day his son, Bill, on holiday from Brisbane and having a playful poke at Sydney's changeable weather: heat wave until 10 a.m. till noon, then a wind right off the ice. Brisbane weather, he said, stayed put.

In this group was another Bill—Bill Allen—who said Melbourne had turned on perfect weather (perfect for Melbourne) for the Olympic Games.

Really the Bills were everywhere. Bill Rowlandson and Bill Askew, enjoying a refresher, were joined by Bill Longworth Jr.

Nearby in conversation were Bill Bray and Mr. Speaker (Bill) Lamb.

CITY TATTERSALL'S CLUB president, Wally Buxton, among the official guests at luncheon,

told a harrowing tale of his experience at the Games: "The celebrating went on 25 hours out of the 24 and I took flight for home and safety halfway through".

Dr. Guiney was another who attended the Games and enjoyed every moment.

Custom dies hard. Bill Bray was noticed adjusting his glasses in the Paddock to view television although posted but six feet from the set.

had as his guest on Carrington Day E. V. Frame, manager of Burns Philps & Coy. at Pt. Moresby.

JACK SHAW was showing round Jake Kramer and Ted Schroeder and would have been delighted had his horse, Illinois, won the Denman Handicap for them. Empire Link—given out by Adolph Basser as probable winner, as in the Villiers—nudged Jack's horse out of the money.

RACING at Randwick is a tradition, as the A.J.C. chairman (Mr. Potter) declared on a notable occasion. At this latest meeting, as on previous occasions over the long years, the club has sought always—and may fairly claim to have succeeded—in making the most of

# PERSONALITIES IN THE THRONG

Missed this time from Secretary Dave Dawson's table at the luncheons were Fred Wilson and Ian Feaks, A.J.C. handicappers who had passed on. Fred with his home-grown carnation—a challenge to all and sundry,—and Ian, who sometimes ventured to accept the challenge of his predecessor, were splendid company.

P. G. SMITH, returned from a overseas tour saw racing in England. He rated the Australian rider, Breasley, as greatest of the jockeys.

He visited two courses to which admission cost £2 each for men and women alike.

Harold Quinton, partner of W. W. Vick in Deane, Vick & Co. (chartered accountants)

the opportunity by liberal prize money and presentation of the best possible programmes.

Race meetings, of course, are public occasions, but they serve also to bring members together in a social way on a large scale.

There are no speeches at official luncheons. Only formal words are spoken by the Chairman (John Hickey), "Gentlemen, the Queen", as he proposes the loyal toast.

Only departure from custom is made on New Year's Day when the Chairman rises after a pause and says: "Happy New Year to All".

# Club Members in the Money at Annual Race Meeting

By A. B. Gray

Feature of the Club's annual race meeting at Randwick was the fine dual performance by Mr. Adolph Basser's handsome stallion Empire Link in winning the Denman Handicap on the first day and the more important Club Cup on the second. On each occasion Empire Link displayed grit and determination to hold off his closest rival by a narrow margin. It was a sheer will to win that helped victory in both races.

N WINNING the Cup with 9 st. which included a penalty of five pounds, Empire Link recorded a fine performance because he was taken to the front at the start and led throughout. Bold tactics by Sellwood succeeded. Such were not the tactics backers of the chestnut expected, but a jockey of Sellwood's experience and ability needs no telling and no doubt trainer (Maurice McCarten) and owner (Mr. Basser) discussed before the start the way the race was likely to be run.

Empire Link defeated the better fancied Prince Delville with Baystone third. Prince Delville also was narrowly defeated in the A.J.C. Summer Cup, so his party found summer racing not a little disappointing. In fact the Delville Wood stallion has been an unlucky performer for some months.

# However that's racing. One man's turf fortune is another's misfortune.

Empire Link deserved his successes because he is one of those gallopers who never give in. The will to win is a great asset and he has been success-

ful with plenty of weight in the saddle. He won the Denman Handicap with 9.7. By winning the Cup he completed a "hattrick" which proved his consistency. First of the treble was the Villiers Stakes.

Few horses have won a mile and a half Cup with 9 st., that is to lead all the way, but Empire Link is one of those speedy staying types always racing in a handy position. Now that he has proved he can stay 12 furlongs, he should go on to better things in distance events.

The Cup success was his ninth race win and as he had also been in six minor places from a total of 21 starts he has shown marked consistency. Though he cost 4,200 guineas as a yearling he has proved a bargain buy even at that high figure.

First leg of the double, the Carrington Stakes, drew a field of six but as five had strong support at odds 5 to 1 and under the open nature of the sprint was obvious. An interesting contest saw the Perth owned mare, Maniana, trained at Randwick by Fred Allsop, win in brilliant fashion from Mr. Adolph Bas-

ser's My Kingdom with Compound third. Thus Mr. Basser went close to bringing off the Club's main double.

Ridden by Noel McGrowdie, Maniana won the Carrington in 1.9½ which equalled the Randwick track record made by Spearby in October, 1953.

Maniana was slightly lame on returning to scale. She has now won races in five Australian States. The mare was having her third Sydney outing and did well to land the £1,349 prize.

# The Carrington was first run in 1886 and the Cup in 1868.

A speedy filly, New Light, won the Club's two-year-old Maiden Handicap on the first day. She is another of the smart progeny of Newtown Wonder (imp.). Her dam, Rock Light, is an imported mare by Rockafella, a son of Hyperion. The filly has the Carbine blood and with age might run a bit of distance though the Newtown Wonder's have yet to make a name for themselves in that direction.

Juvenile Maiden winner, Hargreaves, which monopolised betting and started at long odds-on, gave supporters some anxious moments before landing the money. He's a Midstream (imp.) colt from Woodsprite by; Delville Wood (imp.) and cost owner Mr. A. F. Low 1,150 guineas as a yearling. Trained by Maurice McCarten, Hargreaves is closely related to Swan River, winner of Tattersall's Club Cup in 1946.

### Jack Carroll Had Too Much Pep For Bep Van Klaveren

A fight which has not been dimmed in the memory by the passing of the years was the Jack Carroll versus Bep Van Klaveren bout at Sydney Sportsground 21 years ago.

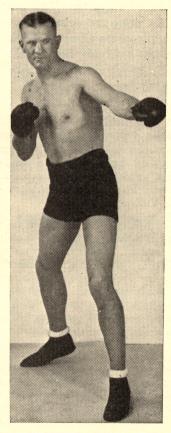
JACK CARROLL shone in the days when we had many great fighters—men like Fred Henneberry, Ron Richards, Ambrose Palmer, Merv Blandon and others who appeared in world ratings. Carroll was Charlie Lucas' main drawcard. With him, Charlie meant to bring a world title to Australia.

Carroll had twice beaten Henneberry, had stopped Richards. and had stopped quite a few importations, including Tommy Fielding, Al Trumans and Billy Townsend. But he had done better than that. Carroll stopped Wesley Ramey, conqueror of world lightweight champion Tony Canzoneri. and stopped Willard Brown, then rated number six welter in the world.

Carroll was unorthodox in the extreme. The old axiom, "Never lead with a right," did not apply to Carroll. He often led with his right; he even hit with both feet off the ground (an unpardonable sin), yet got away with it, all because he was so fast.

In all contests after he hit the top, Carroll showed uncanny ability to make his opponent fight to suit Carroll. Many an opponent went into the ring to fight him a certain way, but all finished up fighting the way Carroll wanted. Carroll was like a buzz saw in action—constant and fast—and he was a will-o'-the-wisp.

There are many who say Carroll could not punch. Certainly he did not ice any opponents with one punch, but even the socalled terrific punchers do not knock out a man with one blow



JACK CARROLL in his fighting prime

-Picture courtesy "Reveille", R.S.L. official journal.

very often. However, one-third of Carroll's opponents failed to last the distance, and some of those were in world ratings.

So it was that Charlie Lucas steered Carroll towards his,

Lucas', ambition—a world title. World titles did not interest Carroll much, as was proved later, but they did interest Lucas. Bep Van Klaveren was the leading contender for the world welter title when Lucas made him an offer to come to Australia to fight Carroll.

The Dutchman was no match for the Australian as ringsiders of 29 years ago will recall.

> Abridged from article by Ray Mitchell in R.S.L. official journal "Reveille".

# THE PASSING OF A PERSONALITY

DEATH OF Fred Wilson, retired A.J.C. handicapper, was felt keenly by older members of this club, for he was its acting secretary preceding the appointment of T. T. Manning.

He was made an honorary life member in appreciation of the splendid and loyal service he gave the club and was, indeed, the oldest life member at the time of his death.

Fred Wilson, the man, was steadfast in his friendships; his personal life and official career were blameless; he courted no favors and was absolutely fearless. He had his critics, but none wished him ill because they realised he put duty first and popularity second.

Men who should know classed Fred Wilson as having been without peer as a handicapper. Results more often than not confounded disagreement with his judgment. His contributions to the racing game as a personality and in official roles were monumental.



ASHER JOEL, club member and editor of "Reveille", R.S.L. official journal, represented the State president, William Yeo, at a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph arranged by the Royal Society of St. George on Trafalgar Day.

—Courtesy "Reveille", R.S.L. official journal.

#### **GREAT HORSE'S 16 IN A ROW**

PRIX DE L'ARC de Triomphe run over 2,400 metres (approximately 1½ miles) at Longchamp attracted what was probably the highest class field ever to contest an International race. The unbeaten Italian four-year-old Ribot won in clear-cut fashion from County Kildare-bred Talgo, winner of this year's Irish Derby, with the leading French three-year-old Tanerko third and the top-class American

three-year-old Career Boy, fourth.

Behind these colts in the field of twenty came the five-year-old Fisherman, winner of the 1954 Laurel Park International, and the three-year-old fillies Sicarelle, runaway victor of the English Oaks and Appolonia, winner of the French 1,000 Guineas and Oaks.

Ribot won 16 races. He has been retired to the stud.

#### SPORTING TRIBUTE

TESTIMONIAL match for Bill O'Reilly and Stan McCabe was just tribute to cricketers in the first flight and sportsmen measured by the best standard.

O'Reilly was given his right stature by Bradman: "I had to make many of my club scores against the greatest bowler in the world: Bill O'Reilly."

McCabe was not the artist MacCartney was acknowledged to be, but he was up in that realm.

## NECTAR FROM THE VINE

You can drink a different Australian wine almost every day of the year.

THE fruit of the vine is older than man, but it did not take man long to realise that the juices from this fruit had many uses apart from causing a hangover.

Imprisoned in every glass of wine are thousands of years of history and much deep philosophy, for wine has been used as an "anaesthetic" by surgeons, as a stimulant to promote the spirit of festival, as a source of inspiration by poets and, since the last supper, as a symbol of the Blood of Christ.

The Romans first spread the culture of hardy, frost-resisting vines and when the mighty Empire fell early Christian missionaries carried the vines even further afield.

To those missionaries wine was indispensable for the sacraments, and wherever they were able to build a church they planted a vineyard. Today, following the teachings of the Bible, people of many denominations gather around the Communion Table to partake of the symbolic bread and wine.

In nearly all English speaking countries a glass of port wine at Christmas time is one of the traditional drinks. Dickens, in his Pickwick Papers, frequently refers to it, and also to the making of hot wine punch. In the intense cold of the English Christmas it is a cheering and comforting drink. Brandy snaps -crisp, spiced biscuits dipped in punch on top of which was poured a little burning brandyhave always been regarded as a great Christmas treat. To dip them in the liquor without burning the fingers was quite an achievement—and one which often brought an attack of the vapours to timid females.

To impart a nutty, burnedsugar taste to the Christmas pudding, and to keep it piping hot, neat brandy is still poured over it. This is lit and the pudding, wrapped in blue flames, borne to the festive board.

In Australia, wine making began in the first year of Governor Phillip's new colony in New South Wales. En route from England Phillip collected some vine cuttings at Rio de Janeiro and planted them at Farm Cove, where the botanic gardens are to-day.

#### MacArthur's Role

Captain John MacArthur, besides founding our wool industry, helped to place the wine industry on a sound basis. He studied wine-making in England and France and in 1817 he established vineyards at Camden Park, New South Wales. Twenty-four years later his son, William, won awards for Australian wine and brandy at exhibitions in London.

The present high standard of Australian wines is due largely to a Scot, James Busby, who in 1832 collected 365 different types of grape vines from France, Germany, Spain and Portugal and brought them back for planting in Australia. His imaginative move gave a great fillup to the industry and established the basis for its financial success.

TO-DAY, wine making in Australia is a big business, with invested capital of approximately £40 million. The various vineyards produce over 30 million gallons of wine a year; almost double the production of 25 years ago.

Wine is also prestige business for Australia, for many of our vintages, once too coarse to capture overseas markets, now rank with the world's best.

#### Melbourne Show

Discriminating drinkers had a chance to prove this recently when a room at a large Melbourne hotel was transformed into a replica of a wine cellar for a series of wine tastings. A total of 318 Australian wines, including 70 different sherries, were available for the guests.

The tastings, conducted by the Viticultural Society and the Australian Wine and Brandy Producers' Association of Victoria, took place during Wine Week and an average of 1,500 guests a day attended.

Between sips they heard experts tell of the production. marketing and quality of Australian wines. Replicas of five wine vats almost filled one end of the room and outside the windows were dioramas of four main vinevards and wineries in Victoria. Attractive booklets explained why you should drink wine, when to drink it and how to drink it. Following so closely on Melbourne's Royal Show, where the official wine judges had had their say, it was an excellent example of industry promotion.

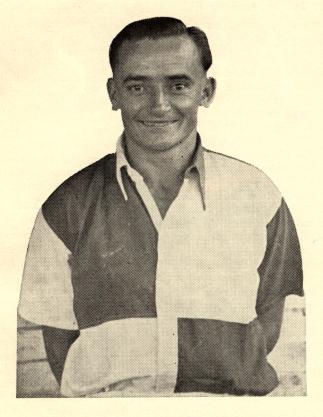
#### OLYMPIC HERALD

"Herald", in the Greek is "kerux". The Olympic herald ran from city to city announcing the Games and called a halt to all warfare. He was a bearer of good news. At the Games his duties included those of reading the rules and calling upon the athletes to make the oath that they would abide by these rules.

#### SOCCER OLYMPIC CAPTAIN

Is A Coal Miner

SUBJECT of this sketch is a 34-year-old machineman of South Bulli colliery. Bob started grade ever since, the present being his eighteenth season in first-grade Soccer. Of that



BOB BIGNELL, captain of Australia's Olympic Games Soccer team.

-Courtesy "The Coal Miner"

work there 18 years ago as a trapper. He became a clipper, then a wheeler before being taken on to the coal with his father. Bignell, Senior, has a Soccer history himself, having played First Division with Bristol City, England. Bob's younger brother also works at South Bulli.

Bob Bignell's football career started with junior games with the Corrimal Club until, at 16, he was signed up by Woonona-Bulli. He has been in the top total, he has spent 11 seasons with Corrimal, four with North Shore and three with Woonona-Bulli teams.

Bob has trouble in remembering the number of international and interstate games in which he has taken part. He has been playing in Test matches since 1949 and, since that year, he has captained the South Coast team in all games against other countries.

"That includes twenty Test matches," he said.



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## ONE FIGHT TOO MANY

#### **And The Verdict**

Adolph Wolgast was a great fighter; but because he did not know when to quit he spent nearly 30 years as an inmate of a mental hospital.

ON April 14, 1955, Adolph Wolgast, a shuffling blind man, died of a heart attack in a Californian mental hospital. He had been confined there since 1927, but his name was still potent enough for his passing to be reported in hundreds of papers round the world. As Ad Wolgast he held the world's lightweight boxing championship from 1910 to 1912. For half a century his fame has endured as one of the gamest little scrappers, wrote James Holledge in "Digest of Digests"

Virtually an unknown youth in 1910, he lasted 40 rounds with the supposedly invincible Battling Nelson, the Durable Dane, and finally slugged him into helplessness to take his title. Ad Wolgast had courage, skill, determination—but he was a man who had too many fights, a man who did not know when to quit. As a result, he spent the best part of his life as a helpless. pathetic, punch-drunk victim of the gruelling ring marathons that are now, unfortunately, but bad memories.

Of German-American parentage, Wolgast was born on February 9, 1888. He was called a lightweight, but to-day would probably train down to the featherweight figures. He was only about 5 feet 5 inches in height and seldom weighed more than 9 stone.

Battling Nelson was one of the toughest lightweights the boxing world has ever seen. He had never been knocked out. He was famous for his absorption of punishment and ability to keep coming when an opponent had given his all without seeming effect. Wolgast had the same boxing style, and he gradually showed that he could "take it" as well as Nelson and keep dishing it out.

For round after round the two "little men" slugged it out. Neither asked for nor expected quarter. Both knew that finally one would crack.

The contest was slated for 45 rounds, but the once invincible Nelson was slowing down long before that. Ringsiders saw the confidence wiped off his face before the affair was half over.

#### **Great Slugging**

In Round 40 Wolgast went over to an all-out offensive with everything he could.

Blows rained on Nelson, sending his head reeling. He would have been stretched helpless on the floor from the merciless assault had not the referee grabbed him and stopped him from falling to the ground. Ad Wolgast was declared the winner and lightweight champion of the world.

In July, 1912, Wolgast scored a victory over the Mexican, Joe Rivers. After 12 rounds of give-and-take slugging, the two boxers were about even. Then in the 13th, despairing of saving his title by orthodox means, Wolgast tried something not in the rule book. He let fly with a smashing right to the Mexi-

can's groin. Almost at the same instant, Rivers landed a pile-driver to Wolgast's chin. Both punches landed. Both men went down.

The referee started to count over Rivers, Before he got half-way, he saw Wolgast also lying prone on the floor. He was either flustered at the occasion or on Wolgast's side. Ignoring the uproar from the spectators he hauled Wolgast to his feet and continued to count Rivers out.

#### Approaching End

Wolgast still had his title—but not for long. On November 28 of that year, he was getting a trounching from Willie Ritchie in San Francisco.

Wolgast was earning loads of money, but could not keep his hands on it. Stranded on the Pacific Coast, Wolgast was befriended by a kindly promoter named Jack Doyle. He gave the boxer a home and let him potter round his gymnasium and stadium in Los Angeles. Ad Wolgast had deteriorated to the punch-drunk stage. He believed he was still fighting and spent hours each day training for some imaginary future contest.

Each night when the fights were on, he went through his old routine in the belief he was on the programme again to fight Nelson, Rivers or the others. At the ringside he would shake his head at the sound of the bell and try to climb up the steps. Jack Doyle was always there to tap him on the shoulder and whisper that he was not fighting that night but the next night.

Wolgast would be satisfied. A few minutes later he would trot

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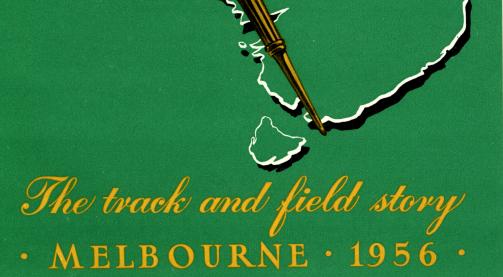
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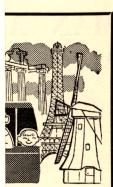
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back to the dressing rooms and continue his perpetual training and shadow sparing for the bout that was always "tomorrow".

There came a time when there was no Jack Doyle to look after him. He retired from the fight business and found it impossible to continue his care of Ad Wolgast. A mental home was the only alternative. So began nearly 30 years of living death for the former champion.

His sight went and his death was regarded by those who knew him as something in the nature of a release for a man who had one fight too many.

Two young matrons were discussing the difficulties of budgets. "I really don't want an awful lot of money", said one. "I just wish we could afford to live the way we are living now".

#### HOW TO DEAL WITH DOGS

AS a traveller in country towns in New South Wales, calling on homes previously unknown to me, I encountered many and varied types of dogs. There is no need for postmen to be bitten if either of two psychological approaches are applied, (wrote a correspondent to S.M. Herald).

A dog is merely protecting his master's property in the only way he knows, with a menacing bark, and probably enjoys immensely chasing an intruder. Any harsh or threatening response increases his belligerence, so try a nice soft tone, or conversationally ask him how his mother is. It usually works, and he responds to the inquiry with a tail wag.

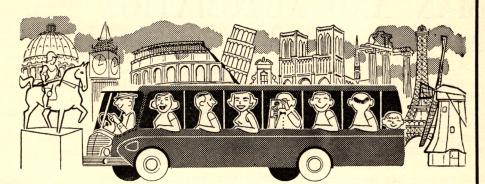
If he has lost interest in his relations, and still views ap-

proaches with a partial eye, apply another method — lean down and touch the ground with the right hand — and if you don't think this works, try it and see.

A dog so lost to good manners as to regard a tender inquiry cynically, expects hardier treatment. He thinks the stranger intends heaving a brick at him, and he flees, maybe to carry on the war, but it is invariably at a distance, safely.

On the promiscuous husband: He is like the wretched fiddler who demands another violin, hoping that a new instrument will yield the melody he knows not how to play.

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 6th February, 1957, (at the conclusion of the Special General Meeting called for the purpose of altering the Rules), for the purpose of electing a member to fill the casual vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. A. V. Miller.

Nominations to the vacant office, signed by two members, and with the written consent of the Nominee endorsed thereon, will be received by the Secretary up to 5 p.m. on Monday, 21st January, 1957.

By Order of the Committee,
M. D. J. DAWSON,
Secretary.

### MAN AND AUTOMATION

AT LAST man has discovered his purpose in life! It is the great merry-go-round! First an exciting game, it is now a hideous nightmare, with the leading nations of the world engaged in a feverish struggle to make more and more things, and to force their handbags and their cocktail-shakers and their electric bed-warmers into every home in the world.

"Work harder" is the cry.
"Production, production!" Still
the process is too slow, still
there are millions without benefit
of cufflinks and auto-scooters.
What to do! How shall we speed
up production?

Think of the millions of Kaffirs and coolies waiting for comic strips and wall-to-wall carpet! Why, the process can go on for ever. But faster, faster! How can we make a million food

mixers where only ten were made before? (You need not pay for it. Don't worry. Just twopence down and the rest to follow). But hurry, hurry! More and more! For this is life, and there is no other.

More education (of the right sort of course), more innoculations (to keep us healthy), more roads from here to there and back again. But quicker, quicker! Oh, how can we make more— and quicker? And because man always gets what he wants he has now discovered the answer. Automation!

But beware! There are breakers ahead! Already our more eager educationists are muscling in and exhorting us to prepare for the leisure that will be ours! I bid them pause and take warning.

For if we should really become educated it is certain that a first

consequence will be the discovery that we no longer want the things that automation is depending upon us to purchase. Suppose man should learn, at last, to walk upright and unburdened, dumping all property on the scrap heap, and striding out in search of life, instead of possessions.

Where will automation be then?

—Geoffrey Thomas in "S.M. Herald".

#### AGE OF SPEED

NOW the aspiration is the 9 sec.'s 100-metre man. Some say "impossible". Same was said of the 4 min. mile—and the 7 ft. high jump. Scientific know-how makes speculation against more of an odds-on bet than speculation against.

Think of it! Dawn Fraser and Lorraine Crapp are now improving on times made 50 years ago by Dick Cavill.

#### OFFICE BOYS DISCUSS THEIR BOSSES

COLONEL A. H. BERTS, general manager of K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines, engaged the problem of public relations in a Christmas story told friends:

Two bosses were talking about the lack of intelligence of their respective office boys and decided on a test to show who was worse off. The first one called in his office boy, gave him two shillings and told him to buy a dozen bottles of beer. The boy went off without a murmur. "I can easily beat that", said boss No. 2, who subsequently told his office boy to go to his home and see whether he had left already for the office. "Yes, sir", said the boy.

On leaving the building, the boys met each other and started a conversation about the lack of intelligence of their respective bosses. Said one: "The silly coot sent me out to buy a dozen bottles of beer, while he knows that I cannot carry more than eight."

"That's nothing", said office boy No. 2. "My boss sent me out to see whether he has left already for the office, while all the stupid cow had to do was to pick up the telephone at his elbow and ring his home."

ERIC WELCH returned by the Mariposa from a world tour.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Members will be held in the Club Room on Wednesday, 6th February, 1957, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing amendments to Rules 14 and 15 in accordance with the proposals hereinafter set forth or such other amendments as the Members think fit.

By Order of the Committee,

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

11th January, 1957

RULE 14.—The Entrance Fee for a Bookmaking Member shall be Three Hundred Guineas and the Annual Subscription shall be Fifteen Guineas.

PROPOSAL.—Delete the word "Fifteen" and substitute the word "Twenty".

RULE 15.—The Entrance Fee for an Ordinary Member shall be Twenty Guineas and the Annual Subscription shall be Fifteen Guineas.

PROPOSAL.—Delete the word "Fifteen" and substitute the word "Twenty".

**NOTE.**—Briefly the proposals are to increase Members Subscriptions by £5/5/- as from 1st March, 1957.

This is an important meeting which concerns ALL Members, and it is desired that ALL Members attend. Members cannot vote on the question unless they personally attend this meeting.

## WHEN SURFING WAS YOUNG

#### Look-Back to 1908

Many bare feet have crunched the sands since the first life-saving carnival was held at Manly in 1908. That was under modern conditions.

THERE was one at the same beach in 1903 held in conjunction with the Life Saving Society and the Swimming Association, but that was not, wholly, a surf club "do".

Six clubs lined up for what the press of the day termed "the Inter-club Life Saving Competition". There were plenty of intrigued north side citizens who had come down to witness the novelty and there was also quite a substantial contingent from the south side of the harbour; but the beach was thoroughly crammed with surfswimming stars of the day.

It was also the occasion of the first surf boat race on record. The boats were borrowed from sea-going vessels anchored in Sydney Harbour at the time. That was really a great day for the boys from the beach clubs, but it was almost forgotten when the extravaganza which was the Bondi-Wonderland City affair was held at Tamarama just four weeks later before more than 15,000 spectators (writes the "Digest of Digests").

For almost a year there had been bad feeling between the amusement park syndicate and the surfing men. The former had strived to lease from the Government, the Tamarama Cove, under terms that would veto the use of the beach by the swimming fraternity. The surfers had sent a deputation to the

Minister for Lands, briefed to fight for the continuation of the right of use of the lovely beach. They were successful.

The Amusement Park officials, recognising that their cause was lost, approached the Bondi Surf Bathing Life Saving Club with a suggestion that the hatchet be buried and that a really great affair be promoted.

A captive balloon, made available by the Fun Fair, accommodated the judges of the water events. The marker buoys, joined by a strand of wire, rose and fell with the progressive movements of the ridges of heaving seas. A North Steyne beltman, Rohan McKelvey, almost came to grief when he was washed under that wire, but fortunately he pulled his way clear.

#### First Championship

A Bondi team won the land drill event which, as it was "open to all surf and life savings clubs in New South Wales", automatically became the first State Championship. Rescue, release and resuscitation was performed according to the Sylvester method. The R and R was also won by the Bondi teams, which included the now famous Craven brothers.

The greatest victory of the day was won by Jim Duffy, Maroubra's beltman. He deadheated with the Bondi representative in a heat of the "alarm reel" race, which was the origi-



WRESTLER: Pattie Neff, a nineteen-year-old bundle of pulchritude from Rome, Ohio. An all-round athlete in school, Pattie's 5 feet 6 inches contains 135 pounds of sinew and muscle.

Photo, courtesy "The Coal Miner."

nal form of the belt race of to-day. The Maroubra man just snatched a first place in the final from North Steyne. The little silver trophy which Duffy won on that historic occasion has now become an invaluable possession, which is on display at Maroubra's modern club house.

In an article in Modern Screen, Shirley Temple was quoted as saying: "Most of our eastern friends went to bed quite early, worked, and had children; so I followed their pattern."

#### IT STARTED THIS WAY

Thousands of "Diggers"—including the many who are members of this club—have first-hand knowledge of the problems attending the transport of troops by sea. The very earliest record we have of troop movements by ships emphasises the fact that such difficulties were present even then. When Sennacherib, King of Assyria, embarked his army, he was forced to compel Phoenician prisoners to build him a fleet of galleys for the purpose. Caesar, too, has left some excellent records on the transport difficulties of his day.

IT APPEARS that Caesar. impressed by the English merchant ships, copied them closely. They were very heavily built; in fact, to the extent that they drew so much water that his soldiers, weighted down with armour, had to leap into the sea, because the ships grounded some way out. Naturally, they were (the soldiers) placed at a great disadvantage and many were drowned. However, in his second expedition, Caesar had designed for him a fleet of shallow draft galleys which could be dragged right up on to the beach. In a total fleet of these he embarked five legions and 200,000 cavalry. A legion's strength varied from 3,000 to 6.000 men.

The first really long-distance trooping problem to be solved in historic times was that of the Crusading armies. The difficulties were so great that the majority marched overland. Many took the sea route.

#### Sailors v. Soldiers

The health problem of crowded transports gave the authorities the greatest worry. The ships were generally small and were so crowded that men slept on the decks which could not, in consequence, be cleaned. It is on record that in 1747, when military operations by Britain against the Spaniards in the West Indies were being undertaken, orders were issued that troopships were not to be chartered with a height between decks

of less than 4 feet 6 inches, "in orders that the troops might be comfortable!"

In the early days of the 19th Century, outmoded warships were fitted out as British transports. This innovation had its own particular brand of trouble—the sailors considered the soldiers were pampered unduly, and considerable friction ensued. Then came the Crimea War of 1854-56, when every warship was required for service as such, and the Army had

to fall back on whatever shipping could be secured. Soon after, the P. and O. Company made the experiment of building what was then the biggest steamer in the world, the iron screw-ship "Himalaya." This huge vessel was taken over, and for many years was the principal trooper; in fact, she was still afloat in 1936 as a coal hulk.

#### Modern Troopship

This was really the start of the modern troopship. In 1866 five fine screw transports were specially built, each of 15 knots. Each was designed to carry a full battalion with its supernumeraries, about 1,200 men in all, and for many years these ships maintained the regular Indian trooping service. In 1894 another radical change was made. These ships had outlived their usefulness and, rather than build new ones, the War Office took up, on charter, passenger liners.

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#### WAKE UP TO WASHING UP

MY HUSBAND said that he couldn't let me struggle through the washing up by myself.

I said I could manage.

He protested that I mustn't be so noble. It was his duty to help in the house and share my every burden. He was going to insist on coming to my rescue. I said nothing (writes Millions Club Journal).

He suggested that if I would just tell him where the teacloth was he'd clear the drainingboard in no time.

I said it was over the gas stove.

He thought I must be mistaken. The only thing over the gas stove was a germ-laden, moth-eaten piece of old rag.

I said that was the teacloth.

He asked whether I was trying to poison him by pollution. I said I was trying to cut down the laundry bill by using the same cloth twice.

He said that while he appreciated my efforts he hoped he would never see me using such a filthy cloth again. Now if I would tell him where to find a clean one he would say no more about it.

I said they were in the drawer. He thought I might find washing up easier if I used hot water.

I said it had been hot once. He rather doubted that, as the things were practically cold by the time they reached him. He attributed his own modest success as a washer-up to his insistence on boiling water.

And shouldn't I be doing the knives and forks first? His mother always said: "Cutlery before crockery."

I said I preferred my own methods.

He asked me whether I had really deemed it necessary to use every dish, bowl and saucepan in the house. He was sure that if **he** were head cook and bottlewasher the number of dirty utensils would be down to a minimum. I said I could imagine.

He wondered whether I was trying out a new method of washing up: for the moment the merit of leaving egg encrusted between the prongs of the fork was escaping him.

I said I must have missed it. He apologised for having dropped my best plate on to the floor, but it was a wonder that he'd only smashed **one** plate in view of the treacherous amount of soap suds I left around everything.

I said I'd be more careful in future.

He asked me if that was the lot.

I said yes. He said it was amazing what a difference another pair of hands made. I said it was.

## BY MANY NAMES

THE HORSE, in Hebrew is called Sus, and the mare Susah; In Syriac, he is called Rekesh and Soucias; by the Arabians Bagel; by the Chaldeans, Ramakin and Susuatha; by the Persians, Asbaca; by the ancient Greeks, Hippos; and in the modern Greek, Alogo; in the Latin, Equus and Caballus; in Italian and Spanish, Cavallo; in French, Cheval; in German Pferd and Kossz; by the Bohemians, Kun; and by the Dutch, Paard.



WRESTLER: Major Tom Thumb, 30 years old, is 46 inches tall, weighs 105 pounds and is all muscle. Although he is on the rough side of wrestling, fans like his showmanship.

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SIR Norman Brookes, Cavalier of the Courts, was paid this glaring tribute by the Prime Minister (Mr. Menzies), an answer to critics of a sportsman who won world fame as a player. and later, as President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association:

On the court and off the court and hundreds of miles away from the court, Norman Brookes has been the most remarkable single human being in its entire history."—Indeed a tribute as coming from such a man.

Sometimes on a winter's night one looks into a crackling fire and finds oneself thinking about things and people.

Norman Brookes might be surprised to know how frequently in such a moment, or half-hour, of relaxation I remember him in his prime as a player.

I was a boy, and I had to peer between the interstices that separated one oversized man from his neighbor, the worst possible position to view tennis.

Looking more than forty years back, I am bound to say Norman on the court looked then very much as he looks now, inscrutable.

Norman would appear immaculately attired. His trousers were always more beautifully pressed than I have ever been able to get mine done, he wore his sleeves buttoned-up to the wrist, he wore a cap—it was pulled down.

He looked like a pale-faced Red Indian; and he had all the lack of superficial emotion that we attach to the Red Indians as we remember him from the books we read in our youth.

He would interrupt the silence about three or four times in order to compliment his opponent on a shot. He didn't ever throw a racquet at an umpire, he didn't ever quarrel with a referee, he never offered any offensive remark to ball-boys.

Line-umpires conducted a life of unruffled virtue unassailed by protests, he just played his superb game.

This was not only a contribution to the genius of the game but it was a great contribution to the character and dignity of the nation.

He "nothing common did or mean upon that memorable scene." That might well have been the epitaph of all his matches.

It is something in these days of hysteria to remember calmness; in these days of temperament (as they now call it—it used to be called bad temper) to remember restraint; in these days of somewhat vulgar noise to remember courtesy and good breeding; and in these days of mass-production to remember individuality and all genius that come from high skill and high intelligence and indomitable courage.

#### CASH FOR COMPTON

MONEY in cricket? Denis Compton, now touring South Africa, is reported to be buying a new £7000 house in the English countryside. It has six bedrooms, two bathrooms and a garden the size of a cricket field.

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# DUKE KAHANAMOKU AT THE POOL ASSEMBLY

Most popular win for years was that of veteran George Goldie in the November Point Score. George has grown up swimmingly with the Swimming Club and he's so popular that the traditional groans that greet a time-breaker always change to cheers when George wins by the proverbial street.

So IT WAS when George and Keith Longworth broke their time in the heat and final of a Brace Relay by 3.7 and 3.5 seconds and later when he broke his handicap time by 3.5 and 3 seconds in the heat and final of a 40 yards Handicap.

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by four points from Longworth with Geoff Laforest and Arthur Allsop a further point astern.

Keith Longworth has been well in it lately with two wins, a second and a third in successive finals and in the current Point Score he is two points behind Clive Hoole, who stated his intention late last season of giving up racing.

Clive has come good with a vengeance and has moved up into ninth place in the "Native Son" annual Point Score. A good club man, Clive!

Longworth is on top in the "Native Son", with a handy lead of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points from Arthur Alsop with a half point to Laforest and Jim Comans another half point away fourth. Looks like being a great go again this season.

The annual Christmas Scramble was the usual big success with 32 starters split into four teams of eight each swimming two laps. A thrilling race saw Bill Kendall's octette just touch off Bob Harris' boys.

George Goldie again won the Consolation six times across with Fred Daly, Bruce Chiene and Carl Phillips next.

Presentation of Christmas cheer to all starters preceded an interchange of compliments among swimmers and officials and all were set for the festive season.

#### Donors Thanked

Thanks of the Swimming Club go to the donors who made the day a success: Messrs. Gunton. Goldie, F. L. Bowes, Ivor Stanford, "Geoff" Shaw, Abernethy, Thicknesse, McCamley, E. E. Davis, Bob Harris, S. Murray, A. G. Connolly, J. Muir, Ken Ranger, E. A. Davis, G. Fienberg. S. Larking, E. Vandenberg, Ken Williams, Sam Peters, J. N. Creer, Don Wilson, N. E. Penfold, E. T. Penfold, C. Godhard, L. Abrahams, L. Bloom, J. Buckle, C. Bowes, F. Muller, C. Phillips, A. Rainbow, C. H. Woodfield, A. Costin and C. Hoole.

Neil Barrell did not hang to the extra handicap he received from John Gunton for he broke his time badly in winning a two lap event.

Good to see Cuth Godhard back after his world tour. Club welcomed new members W. Forrest and Eric Stocks, the latter a Spit Club swimmer of note some years back.

Sorry to hear that Sid Sernack has been in hospital with eye trouble. Hope to see him back early in the New Year.

Ross Stanford is getting his time down and lost a second with a sterling 21 sec. swim.

Best times of the month were: 20.5, Malcolm Fuller and Leigh

#### SWIMMING

Bowes, 21, Ross Stanford, 21.2 Keith Longworth, 21.3, Leigh Bowes and Ross Stanford, 21.4 and 21.7, Keith Longworth and 21.8, Arthur Alsop.

During the month we had the pleasure of a visit to the Pool by famous Hawaiian swimmer Duke Kahanamoku who won the Olympic 100 metres at Stockholm in 1912 and at Antwerp in 1920 and was second to Johnny Weissmuller at Paris in 1924.

Duke who, except for snowy white hair, carries his years remarkably well. It was hard to realise that it was 'way back in 1914 that he swam a record 53.8 for 100 yards in the Domain Baths.

Accompanying Duke was Dad Center, who for so many years was a natatorial leader in Hawaiian swimming, and our own ex Australian champions Frank Carberry and Dr. Keith Kirkland.

Duke was an honoured guest at the Melbourne Olympics where he enjoyed thoroughly the class swimming especially of the Australians.

#### Results

November 20—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: G. Goldie and K. Longworth (62) 1, A. Carthew and C. Bowes (59) 2, N. Barrell and G. Laforest (45) 3. Time: 58.5 secs.

November 27—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final: K. Longworth (22) 1, G. Boulton (24) 2, M. Fuller (21) 3. Time: 21.7 secs. 2nd Division Final: G. Goldie (40) 1, A. Alsop (22) 2, F. L. Bowes (21) 3. Time: 38 secs.

December 4—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: C. Hoole and N. Barrell (49) 1, G. Boulton and Dr. C. L. Bear (49) 2, P. Lindsay and K. Longworth (47) 3; Time: 48.9 secs.

December 11—40 yards Handicap: 1st Division Final: R. Stanford (22) 1, A. Alsop (22) 2, R. Dowling (22) 3. Time: 21.3 secs. 2nd Division Final: N. Barrell (24) 1, K. Longworth (22) 2, J. Comans (26) 3. Time: 22.9 secs.

December 18—40 yards Brace Relay Handicap: T. Abernethy and C. Hoole (26) 1, A. McCamley and R. Corrick (29) 2, A. Rainbow and C. Phillips (25) 3. Time: 21.5 secs.

December 20—Christmas Scramble Teams' Race: N. Kendall's team 1, R. Harris' team 2, C. Phillips' team 3. Consolation Handicap: G. Goldie (38) 1, F. M. Daly (28) 2, B. Chiene (25) 3, C. Phillips (21) 3.

#### November Point Score

G. Goldie 28, 1; K. Longworth 24, 2; G. Laforest and A. Alsop 23, 3; J. Comans 20½, 5; E. D. Shaw 19, 6; N. Barrell 18½, 7; C. Hoole 17½, 8; G. Boulton and F. L. Bowes 17, 9; H. Herman 16½, 11; W. Kendall 15, 12.

#### December-January Point Score

With one event to complete it, the leaders in this series are:—C. Hoole 19, K. Longworth 17, T. Abernethy and A. Alsop 15½, G. Boulton, J. Comans, R. Stanford and F. L. Bowes 14, Dr. C. L. Bear 13, G. Laforest and N. Barrell 11, H. Herman, P. Lindsay, A. McCamley and E. D. Shaw 10.

#### "Native Son" Point Score

Leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, are:—K. Longworth 61, A. Alsop 55½, G. Laforest 55, J. Comans 54½, G. Goldie 52, F. L. Bowes 50½, G. Boulton 47, E. D. Shaw 45½, C. Hoole 44½, R. Stanford 44, A. McCamley 43½, R. Corrick 39½, Dr. C. L. Bear 38½, P. Lindsay 38, H. Herman 36½, R. Swift 36, N. Barrell 33½, R. Harris 33, A. Carthew 32, T. Abernethy 31, C. Bowes 30½, F. Harvie 30.

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Bore is too mild for him—he is a pneumatic drill.

If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.

His studies were pursued but never effectually overtaken.

### THANKSGIVING DAY

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY was held at the Double Bay Bowling Club in December, when Tattersall's Club Bowling Club were hosts. This function (the ninth) was notable for the fact that President Gordon, recently returned from the Games, and looking brighter and better than ever, made a presentation to Double Bay, expressing the thanks and appreciation of Tattersall's members for the courtesies extended during the year. His remarks were supported by the Chairman of Tattersall's Club. (John Hickey). wished all the season's greetings. Vice-President of Double Bay, Cecil Davis, thanked Tattersall's members for their gift and hoped the association would last for many years.

The second annual ball in December was a great success. The ladies were pleased with their Xmas gifts. The success was due to the hard-working hon. secretary, Alick Buckle, and the treasurer, J. Keogh.

It was also pleasing to see the driver, "Dutch", and his Chief Engineer "Flicker" did not fall off the water waggon—they were pushed off!

#### Great Phar Lap Museum Piece

PHAR LAP is a focal point for visitors to the Melbourne museum. Rightly so (writes "Walkabout"), for he is not only a celebrity, but has been restored outwardly with such miraculous artistry that one marvels.

The story is told that one day a jockey arrived at the Museum with saddle and bridle, and made the preposterous request that he should be photographed astride the champion. Scandalized authority pointed out to him the error of his ways, and he departed sorrowfully, like the rich man of Scripture, though for other reasons.

Phar Lap died in the U.S. in 1932. He was mounted, as the term is, by Jonas Brothers, New York, for the owners, Davis and Telford, who presented him to the Melbourne Museum. Phar

Lap was one of the first modern mountings to be brought to Australia.

It is impossible to conceive that from drawings and afterdeath photographs. A mould one and a half inches thick of fine dental plaster was then made. When set is was taken off in sections, one of which weighed as much as 270 lb. Inside the mould was built up a figure of hessian and glue, etc., about half an inch in thickness. The mould pieces were then joined to form the body. Over this went a coating of glue, and the hide was put on very carefully. Finally, with a fine tool, the ears, nostrils, etc., were reproduced.

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Sydney Turf Club	(At Canterbury) Sydney Turf Club
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